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RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE, 13-20 MARCH 1978:
SECRETARIAT DRAFT OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT RESOLU-
TION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION

REFS: (A) STATE 065971, (B) PARIS 08895

1. REFTEL A, PARA. 6 REQUESTED USDEL RATIONALE FOR
FAVORING DELETION OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT RESOLUTION
PARA. 2(D) REGARDING INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE
(ICJ). USDEL IS AWARE OF DEPARTMENT POLICY REPORTED
PARA. 6 REFTEL A, AND BASED ITS RECOMMENDATION ON
FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. PROPOSAL IN PARA. 2(D) HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN
ACCOMPANIED BY ANY EXPLANATORY INFORMATION OR SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION;

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B. USDEL RECOGNIZES THAT PROPOSAL MERELY
"REQUESTS" UNSYG TO TAKE SOME ACTION; HOWEVER,
IMPLICIT IN THAT IS THE REQUEST THAT THE SYG
FORMULATE REQUESTS FOR ONE OR MORE ADVISORY OPINIONS
TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ICJ;

C. USDEL WAS OF THE VIEW THAT AS A MATTER OF

PRINCIPLE, USG WOULD NOT WISH TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH
A PROPOSAL TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR AN
ADVISORY OPINION WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMULATED;

D. IT WAS ALSO UNCLEAR TO USDEL WHAT SUCH A
REQUEST TO THE ICJ WOULD CONTAIN;

E. IN SHORT, USDEL VIEWED ACCEPTANCE OF PARA 2(D)
AS BUYING A "PIG IN A POKE".

2. USDEL WOULD FOR THESE REASONS PREFER TO SEE
PARA 2(D) DELETED. A NUMBER OF WESTERN DELEGATES HAVE
INDICATED THEY WILL EITHER PROPOSE OR SUPPORT ITS
DELETION. IN LIGHT OF REFTTEL A, USDEL WOULD RECOMMEND
THAT WE SUPPORT DELETION, BUT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT
PROPOSE DELETION.

3. WE CAN THINK OF NO AMENDMENT TO THE PROVISION WHICH
WOULD ALLEVIATE OUR CONCERNS. IF DEPARTMENT DOES NOT
SHARE THESE CONCERNS, PLEASE ADVISE. IF DEPARTMENT
WOULD WISH AMENDMENT TO THIS PROVISION, PLEASE ADVISE.
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS IS UNCLEAR.
ACCORDINGLY, EARLIEST REPLY WOULD BE WELCOMED.
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